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The Most Honorable Allen W. Dulles
and

The Very Honorable, General C. P. Cabell
The Central Intelligence Agency
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Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

This letter is not from a high school student. I am an honorably discharged war veteran who served five and one-half years throughout all of World War II. I saw combat, and I was in both the European and the Pacific War Theaters. I have seen enough of war; however, I'm in the inactive reserve and available for call.

I'm terribly worried about the following impending catastrophe, -- and I pass my thoughts along to you for your very best consideration.

We need a cheap, economical, reasonably priced large combat defense group at once. We need two million more men--highly mobile infantry soldiers immediately, -- or as quickly as possible to be on guard to guard against a surprise Communist Russian and Communist Chinese (simultaneous) attack. This would be a Pearl Harbor type surprise attack where they would suddenly drop down on us in the middle of some bright moonlight summer night, -- or over a period of two or three days or nights in a constant flow some three or four million Communist troops. As we know, Soviet Russia has twenty-five thousand military troop transport airplanes. If they had one hundred men aboard each plane, this would drop two and one-half million men down upon us. From press dispatches I understand the Russians have another 11,000 to 25,000 transport planes officially listed as civilian planes--but manufactured according to military specifications and easily and quickly convertible to military troop carriers. And so we have the further danger of the likelihood of another one million to two and one-half million troops put down on the highways and airfields of our country.

If the Communists sent over forty thousand of these planes (100 soldiers in the plane) making a total force of four million men and our fighters, interceptors, intercepto-fighters and fighter-bombers shot down five thousand of these planes, they would still land three and one-half million men in the United States of America.

Gentlemen, I feel a young, alert, aggressive team is the answer. These are my suggestions: --

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~~THEIR~~ THEIR ~~SHIELD~~ PROTECTIVE FORCE FOR EVERY AMERICAN CITY

~~THE~~ 500 MAN GROUP FOR A CITY OF 500,000 PEOPLE

~~THE~~ 100 MAN GROUP FOR A CITY OF 100,000 PEOPLE

(In other words, a one man guard for every one thousand persons in each city and town,--the various units to be graduated in size in accordance with the sizes of our many cities.)

A COMBAT ASSAULT SHOCK TROOP UNIT.

A HIGHLY TRAINED CLOSELY COORDINATED TEAM

MAN OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER

MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND SHOT JUDGEMENTS

MAN OF THE GREATEST LOYALTY

~~THE~~ DOLLAR A MONTH MEN

THEY WILL EARN A YEAR PAY

AMERICAN HONOR GUARDS MEN OF THE 1960's

HARD AND THOROUGH TRAINING

UNDER STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY CONTROL (that is, after completion of their training--and subject to IMMEDIATE U. S. CALL)

PART OF THE UNIT ALREADY ON DUTY--TWENTY-FOUR HOUR CALL

They will man machine gun emplacements and mortar positions set up and zeroed in on every airport runway and all air strips. (private or municipal)

They should carry the latest automatic rifles, machine guns, and other fine automatic weapons to give them the greatest amount of firepower.

UNITS TO BE COMPOSED OF MANY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES.

A HANDSOME AND EXPENSIVE UNIFORM

For ceremonial occasions, and to give them a high sense of the Importance of Their Mission,--when they are before the public in a group (as in an inspection or dress rehearsal), and when they are out on official business circulating individually among the public, and when they are just marching in public walks in uniform.

EVERY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD HAVE A SKY GUARD AND AN UNIT PROTECTING EACH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND PROTECTING EVERY TYPE OF CITY IN FRONT OF AIR TERMINAL,--AND ALL SMALL AIRPORTS AND SMALL AIRIELDS IN OR NEAR THAT PARTICULAR CITY.

(The National Guard is short of funds; and they have had to cut back in strength,--and they have also had to de-activate some units. As we all know, the National Guard is short of both money and facilities.)

(The strength of our fine National Guard needs to be greatly supplemented, and since there is a big difference, money-wise, between a private receiving fifty dollars a month and a private getting only one dollar a month, I have, therefore, submitted the above proposal.)

Hating us as they do, and vowed to destroy us and bury us, Communist Russia and Communist China may try to strike quickly and knock us out with one blow.

Several months ago, there was an article in either the Commercial Appeal or the Press-Scimitar concerning this fact. This article stated that the Russians have been mapping our Atlantic Coast for the past year--presumably with Soviet submarines.

Just as Krushchev said in a speech several years ago when he was in communist East Germany, that Soviet tanks and guns were not built for playing games with and weren't in East Germany to play games,--so do I also sincerely believe that when Soviet Russia (with poverty and malnutrition at home) built five times as many submarines as the largest, richest, and most powerful nation in the world, the United States of America has built,--that they built these for the definite reason that Communist Russia plans to use them and they are going to use them on us (these five hundred submarines)--against us, the U. S. A.

Therefore, when Russia gets our American Pacific Coast mapped, and also our P. A. Gulf Coast mapped, Russia will then be ready to strike.

Only Great Britain and the U. S. A. stand between Russia and Red China in their taking over of the whole world. And if this should happen, our whole earth,--the entire planet of two and one-half billion people would remain forever Communist for the next twenty-five thousand years or fifty thousand years--that is, until the Good Lord should see fit to end this world.

If Soviet Russia Pearl Harbors us,--with five hundred Soviet submarines stationed up and down and around our Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast, and Pacific Coast,--with say, two submarines forty or fifty miles off Boston with atomic shells and hydrogen warhead shells, and with three Russian subs off New York City with atomic warheads, with five or six Russian submarines off Norfolk, Newport News, and Portsmouth, Virginia--they might slip two or three of these subs between the lines at Cape Henry and Cape Charles--at Fort Story and Fortress Monroe--up the Chesapeake Bay--they would then knock out our National Capital--Washington, D. C., and then Baltimore,--and then probably lob one or two atomic missiles into Philadelphia--and in like manner ranged all around the sea coast border periphery of the United States at a time prearranged (very carefully) three or four months in advance to,

be perfectly coordinated to hit us on some bright moonlight night,--on the June 17th at 2:30 in the morning, or on the night of July 17th at 2:30 A.M., they could knock out all our larger cities on the Atlantic Coast, or on the Gulf Coast, and on our Pacific Coast. If all these submarines surfaced simultaneously at that time by pre-arrangement at 2:30 A.M., and knocked out all our coastal cities, then, fifteen minutes later, at 2:45 A.M. they launched a number of aircraft from Russian, Chinese, and possibly Cuban bases to knock out as many of our inland cities as they can,--like Pittsburgh, Louisville, Memphis, Indianapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, etc.,--and then thirty minutes later, at 3:15 A.M. Russian troop transport planes began taking off from hundreds of Russian and Chinese air fields with these forty thousand transports with four million men aboard, we would be in deadly peril. Or if they used fifty thousand planes (40,000 men, 5,000,000) and five million Communist soldiers dropped and landed on us, we would really be something to contend with.

This is predicated on the fact that the Communists know that we are a great and honorable people and that we will never attack them first. They have their information on our fifteen-day national alert waiting period. They know all of our American overseas bases charted and plotted on their maps. At the same time they destroyed all of our American cities and threw our nation into such confusion, they would simultaneously destroy all of our overseas bases.

This is also predicated on two most important national dangers. And these two great dangers are based partly on the fact that a part of our American Press reporting service is so highly sensational--the viciously sensational in printing many articles giving away our American National Defense secrets. The company and wire reporting service I speak of is the United Press-International. At U. P. I. they have given away highly important and highly dangerous information on which the very lives and safety and security of millions of our fellow Americans vitally depend. Much of this information must be absolutely and entirely guarded for the complete protection of our country. This organization--the UPI, is an American reporting service, should guard and protect the vital defense secret of our beloved America. So many articles appear on the front pages of our leading papers from UPI giving exact data and highly confidential information on the date of production, the dimensions, quantities, types of fuel, operational characteristics, locations, and other highly secret information regarding our missiles,--our planes,--our missile bases, etc. One of these great dangers is that on the day before the night of this coordinated attack,--at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a Communist agent will walk into the national headquarters nerve center location of our AMERICAN STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND in, or near Omaha, Nebraska, (UPI has carried the exact location in various articles in the newspapers--and I could check a paper and get the exact location,--but this is where--Omaha, Nebraska--I think I saw it located in their press dispatches) and leave an atom bomb (which the agent carries in his briefcase) unobtrusively in the trash can in the men's restroom underneath a lot of wet paper towels or on a closet shelf or behind a bookcase,--and this bomb would be set to go off twelve hours later--at 3 o'clock in the morning--to thereby destroy the operating and coordinating nerve center of SAC. The second grave danger is that at the same moment another Soviet agent will walk into the national headquarters and main operational nerve center and command center of our DW LINE (early warning alert system across Canada and Alaska) in Denver, Colorado, or near there (the exact location has been mentioned in UPI press dispatches printed in all of our newspapers) and do the same thing; by leaving another delayed-action small atom bomb set to go off twelve hours later at 3 o'clock the same next morning. P.S. Please do everything you can to protect our national security.

When we awoke up in confusion and bewilderment the next morning--that is, the scattered ones among us still living--we would hear appeals and orders from American radio announcers at Communist radio stations (probably in Cuba) all over the world and from mobile Russian stations quickly set up on the ground in this country--we would hear appeals "not to resist and be killed." These appeals would also be in English. Russian announcers would say, "Don't be slaughtered." "Give up." "Save yourselves." "You are defeated." "You will receive kind and good treatment." "You will be free under the new order." "Don't fire any more atom bombs at us, or every city and town in your nation will be destroyed and then buried into shattered rubble." "Give up." "Quit." "We are your brothers." "Working people of America, arise."

These announcements, emotional appeals, orders, and threats would return on the radio about 3 o'clock in the morning, and they would be repeated again about 10 A.M., and again at noon, and again in more violent terms about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and so forth, and so on, and on. All of this vicious radio propaganda will be to shake us up,--and to destroy our initiative and drive,--so that we cannot fight back. It is to make us such victims of irremediable that their troops can land,--and then quickly and easily take us over. They may bring three or four million of these tough highly-trained Red Russian soldiers over on top of us over a period of three or four days and nights.

Gentlemen, this is a nightmare shared with me by many millions of my fellow-Americans.

Three years from now our atomic and hydrogen missiles will be fully operational in quantity--in large quantities--and, I feel, and I think most of my fellow-Americans feel we will be safe and secure on a permanent basis after this three years has elapsed. Our greatest danger lies during the short Russian summer from May 15th to September 15th of this year and during the same period next year in 1961.

Our nation is in deadly peril. Please help us in any way you can.

Yours for America,

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